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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM PINT KS
SUBJ: ROKG RELEASES ALL MYONGDONG PRISONERS EXCEPT
KIM TAE-CHUNG

1. ON DECEMBER 31, ROKG RELEASED ALL MYONGDONG PRISONERS
REMAINING IN CUSTODY WITH EXCEPTION OF KIM TAE-CHUNG.
KNCC SEC GEN KIM KWAN-SUK DESCRIBED RELEASE TO EMBOFF AS
RESULT OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN DISSIDENTS AND ROKG WHICH
HAD TAKEN PLACE OVER LAST TWO MONTHS, AND STATED THAT
PRISONERS RELEASED HAD SIGNED A STATEMENT HAMMERED OUT
BETWEEN DISSIDENTS AND ROKG NEGOTIATORS.

2. REV. KIM SAID ROKG HAD GIVEN HIM VERBAL ASSURANCE THAT
LETTER WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR SIGNATURE TO OTHER
EMERGENCY MEASURE VIOLATORS OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.
REV. KIM WAS NOT SURE WHETHER KIM TAE-CHUNG HAD REFUSED
TO SIGN STATEMENT OR WHETHER STATEMENT WAS PRESENTED
TO HIM IN FINAL FORM. FROM RECENT DISCUSSION WITH MRS.
KIM TAE-CHUNG, REV. KIM SAID HE HAD IMPRESSION ROKG
MAY HAVE SPECIAL TIMING IN MIND FOR LAST REMAINING
MYONGDONG DEFENDANT'S RELEASE AND THAT KIM WAS PROBABLY
TRANSFERRED TO SNU HOSPITAL TO WAIT COMFORTABLY FOR
APPROPRIATE MOMENT.

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3. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL IF FAVORABLE
COMMENT ON RELEASES WERE MADE BY DEPARTMENT AT EARLIEST
OPPORTUNITY.
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